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TASMANIA AT A GLANCE 1997



PHYSICAL

Area of State (incl. lesser islands) km² 68 049

CLIMATE (a)

Launceston Airport

Hobart

Mean annual rainfall (mm)	691	623
Mean annual rain days	137	161
Mean daily maximum temperature (°C)	16.9	16.8
Mean daily minimum temperature (°C)	6.2	8.2
Extreme highest temperature (°C)	37.3	40.8
Extreme lowest temperature (°C)	-7.1	-2.8
Mean daily hours of sunshine	6.8	5.9
Mean annual frost days	76	25

POPULATION

1991

1996

Estimated resident population (no.)	466 802	474 592
Aged less than 15 (no.)	107 926	105 975
Aged 15-24 (no.)	71 339	66 474
Aged 25-64 (no.)	232 173	241 702
Aged 65 and over (no.)	55 364	60 441
Greater Hobart Statistical Division (no.)	190 950	195 795
Greater Launceston Statistical District (no.)	96 134	98 890
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District (no.)	78 707	79 172
Density (no./km ²)	6.9	7.0

1995

1996p

Births (no.)	6 852	6 415
Deaths (no.)	3 898	3 836
Marriages (no.)	2 881	2 753
Divorces (no.)	1 443	1 568

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

1986

1996

Christian	324 792	332 468
Non-Christian	1 967	3 661
Other groups	50 231	79 203
Not stated	59 363	44 327
Total persons	436 353	459 659

EDUCATION

1995

1996

Schools: Government (no.)	230	229
Non-government (no.)	70	70
Students: Government (no.)	63 284	62 776
Non-government (no.)	21 375	21 406
University (total enrolments) (no.)	12 398	12 611
Maritime College (total enrolments) (no.)	1 401	(b) 1 150
TAFE (total enrolments) (no.)	24 022	26 588

(a) Averages based on all available complete years. Extremes based on all available data.

(b) Does not include short-course enrolments.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL	1995	1996
Total adult visitors to Tasmania (a) (no.)	480 500	472 900
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania (a) (\$m)	578	568
Passenger movements (incl. residents)—		
Arrivals by air		
Interstate (no.)	811 784	831 040
New Zealand (no.)	3 982	2 999
Arrivals by sea (b) (no.)	11 869	115 486
Total arrivals (no.)	932 635	949 525
Departures (b) (no.)	931 278	961 468
Accommodation (total capacity 30 June)—		
Hotels, motels etc., with facilities:		
Guest rooms available (no.)	5 408	5 523
Holiday unit establishments:		
Units available (no.)	830	846
Caravan parks:		
Sites and cabins, flats etc. (no.)	6 625	6 479
LABOUR FORCE (provisional trend estimate)	1996	1997
Persons in labour force (May) (no.)	225 000	216 700
Employed (no.)	201 300	193 200
Unemployed (no.)	23 700	23 500
Participation rate (May) (%)	61.1	58.7
Unemployment rate (May) (%)	10.5	10.9
Employed wage and salary earners by industry (May)—	1996	1997
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (no.)	600	600
Mining (no.)	1 600	2 200
Manufacturing (no.)	23 200	23 200
Electricity, gas and water (no.)	2 300	2 300
Construction (no.)	7 800	6 500
Wholesale and retail trade (no.)	31 700	28 700
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants (no.)	10 600	11 600
Transport and storage (no.)	5 200	6 900
Communication services (no.)	2 600	2 700
Finance, property and business services (no.)	15 000	17 800
Government administration and defence (no.)	10 100	9 300
Education (no.)	16 900	18 400
Health and community services (no.)	23 800	23 400
Cultural, recreation, personal & other services (no.)	8 700	12 800
Total	160 000	166 300

(a) Source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania.

(b) Source: Tourism Tasmania. Note: excludes cruise ships.

RETAIL TRADE (a)	1986	1992
Retail establishments at 30 June (no.)	4 592	4 839
Turnover (Trend)—	1995-96	1996-97
Food retailing (\$m)	1 307.4	1 330.5
Clothing and soft goods retailing (\$m)	193.8	186.9
Household goods retailing (\$m)	331.3	331.0
Recreational goods retailing (\$m)	191.1	182.2
Hospitality and services (\$m)	480.1	473.8
Other retailing (b) (\$m)	546.5	589.1
Total (\$m)	3 050.2	3 093.5
AGRICULTURE	1994-95	1995-96
Livestock numbers—		
Dairy cattle (excluding house cows) ('000)	185.3	196.6
Beef cattle ('000)	507.4	521.0
Sheep and lambs ('000)	3 852.9	3 862.3
Pigs ('000)	38.1	26.4
Production of—		
Red meat (carcass weight) (tonnes)	r 76 509	66 707
Milk (c) (million litres)	436	514
Wool (d) (tonnes)	17 577	15 997
Barley for grain (tonnes)	27 073	38 463
Apples (tonnes)	57 050	52 398
Beans, french and runner (tonnes)	8 462	9 453
Peas, green (processing) (tonnes)	37 946	29 734
Onions (tonnes)	73 537	91 119
Potatoes (tonnes)	255 738	302 035
Hops (dry weight) (tonnes)	1 832	1 930
Oil poppies (area) (hectares)	7 764	7 435
Gross value (\$m)	r 618.8	p 638.6
MINING	1995-96	1996-97
Turnover of establishments (\$m)	381.2	n.y.a.
Mineral concentrates produced—		
Copper concentrate ('000 tonnes)	53.5	99.7
Iron concentrate (pellets) ('000 tonnes)	1 681.3	809.4
Tin concentrate ('000 tonnes)	16.0	16.3
Zinc concentrate ('000 tonnes)	316.5	356.9

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.

(b) Includes department stores.

(c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

(d) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

MANUFACTURING	1995-96	1996-97
Production of—		
Butter (a) (tonnes)	9 589	10 869
Cheese (a) (tonnes)	24 852	25 373
Electricity (million kW.h)	9 100	9 543
Newsprint ('000 tonnes)	242.9	232.7
Refined zinc ('000 tonnes)	207.8	207.7
Sawn timber ('000 m ³)	349.3	330.7
Woodchips ('000 tonnes)	3 820.1	3 609.3
BUILDING APPROVALS	1995-96	1996-97
New dwellings—		
Private (no.)	2 372	1 781
Public (no.)	174	80
Total (no.)	2 546	1 861
Value (\$'000)	217 445	157 428
New non-residential buildings approved (plus alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more) (\$'000)	216 752	158 970
TRANSPORT	1995	1996
New motor vehicles registered during year (no.)	13 793	14 171
New motorcycles registered during year (no.)	393	462
Motor vehicles & motorcycles on register, June (no.)	319 700	325 519
PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)	1996	1997
Consumer Price Index (March)		
Index number (1989-90=100.0)	120.1	121.9
Increase over previous year (%)	3.4	1.5
Building materials—house (March)		
Index number (1989-90=100.0)	120.9	120.1
Increase over previous year (%)	1.7	-0.5
Building materials—other (March)		
Index number (1989-90=100.0)	115.1	116.5
Increase over previous year (%)	1.4	1.1

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

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FINANCE	1995-96	1996-97p
State Government—		
Final consumption expenditure (\$m)	1 314	1 389
Gross fixed capital expenditure (\$m)	284	234
Other outlays (\$m)	732	755
Total outlays (\$m)	2 330	2 378
Taxes, fees and fines (\$m)	659	672
Grants received (\$m)	1 111	1 124
Other revenue and grants received (\$m)	484	504
Total revenue and grants received (\$m)	2 255	2 301
Net debt at June (a) (\$m)	3 264	3 181
Local government—		
Final consumption expenditure (\$m)	147	161
Gross fixed capital expenditure (\$m)	98	110
Other outlays (\$m)	30	30
Total outlays (\$m)	275	301
Taxes fees and fines (\$m)	142	146
Other revenue and grants received	116	117
Total revenue and grants received	259	263
Net debt at 30 June (a) (\$m)	34	85
Private—		
Banking	1996	1997
Deposits (b) (June) (\$m)	3 615	3 719
Housing finance (seasonally adjusted)	1995-96	1996-97
Total secured housing commitments (c) (\$m)	773	754
FOREIGN TRADE	1995-96	1996-97
Value of imports into Tasmania (\$m)	351	396
Value of exports of Tasmanian origin (\$m)	1 620	1 709
WAGES	1996	1997
Total average weekly earnings, full-time adult employees (May) (\$)	662.40	690.20
Increase over previous year (%)	3.7	4.2
Award rates of pay index for full-time adult wage and salary earners (1985=100.0) (May)	147.7	148.6
Increase over previous year (%)	1.1	0.6
(a) Gross debt minus financial assets.		
(b) Average of weekly figures.		
(c) Excludes alterations and additions; includes refinancing.		

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area	Period	Per cent of Australian total
	—	0.89
Demography—		
Estimated resident population	30 June 1996	2.59
Births	1996p	2.54
Deaths (including infant deaths)	1996p	3.04
Marriages	1996p	2.55
Divorces	1996p	3.02
Labour force (provisional trend estimate)—		
Employed persons	June 1997	2.29
Unemployed persons	June 1997	2.96
Agriculture—		
Gross value of agricultural commodities produced	1995–96p	2.3
Area of establishments	1995–96	0.4
Cattle	1995–96	2.7
Sheep and lambs	1995–96	3.2
Pigs	1995–96	1.0
Milk by volume	1995–96	5.9
Wool by weight (a)	1995–96	2.5
Manufacturing—		
Persons employed	1994–95	2.4
Turnover	1994–95	2.3
Foreign trade—		
Value of imports	1996–97	0.5
Value of exports	1996–97	2.2

(a) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

Abbreviations:

p=preliminary

r=revised

n.y.a.=not yet available